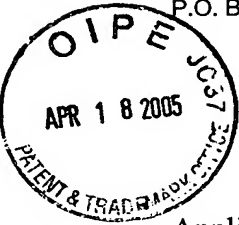
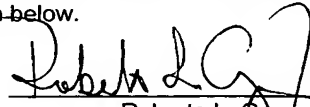


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**COMBINED AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION  
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Sir:

Applicants submit this Combined Amendment and Response to Restriction of Invention and Election of Species Requirement in reply to the Office Action mailed on February 15, 2005. A Petition for a One-Month Extension of Time is being filed concurrently herewith. Applicants request that the following Amendments for the above-identified United States patent application be entered as follows:

**Amendments to the Specification** begin on page 2 of this paper

**Amendments to the Claims** begin on page 7 of this paper.

**Amendments to the Drawings** begin on page 19 and include both an attached replacement sheet and an annotated sheet showing changes.

**Remarks** begin on page 20 of this paper.

An **Appendix** including amended drawing figures is attached following page 32 of this paper.